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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a substitute Declaration for Patent Application for the above-identified patent application. The previously filed Declaration for this application was incomplete as present application information and also priority claim application information was missing. The new Declaration correctly identifies all pertinent information. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully Submitted,



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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

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the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked:

was filed on July 2, 1999, as United States Application No. 09/347,311, bearing attorney docket no. B0192/7010, and was amended on November 15, 1999.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or section 365(a) of any PCT International application designating at least one country other than the United States listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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| <u>GB 9814536.0</u> (Number) | <u>Great Britain</u> (Country-if PCT, so indicate) | <u>1998-07-03</u> (DD/MM/YY Filed) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [] YES NO |
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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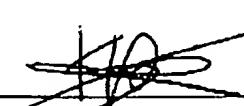
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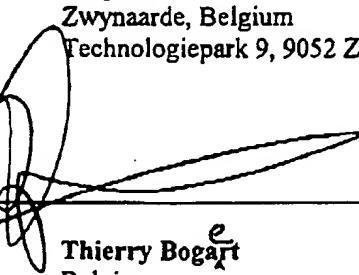
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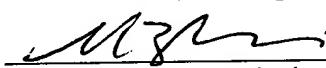
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